

Australia New Zealand UK Mails to 1880

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Volume 2 – 1881-1900

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Covers every contract packet mail sailing between the UK and Australia/New Zealand 1881-1900, mostly hitherto not recorded.

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- 20 pages on the All Red Route via Vancouver - never before published
- A chapter on the Australasian Cruiser Squadron - never before published
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